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Letter dated 21 September 2005 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 17th plenary meeting of its sixtieth session, held on 20 September 2005, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Sixth Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/60/250 and Corr.1). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 17th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Jan **Eliasson**

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Sixth Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

F. Promotion of justice and international law

2. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [item 78].
3. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-eighth session [item 79].
4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-seventh session [item 80].
5. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [item 82].
6. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [item 83].

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

7. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [item 108].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

8. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 116].

   [The General Assembly decided to also allocate item 116 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.]
9. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [item 153].
10. Observer status for the Latin American Integration Association in the General Assembly [item 155].
11. Observer status for the Common Fund for Commodities in the General Assembly [item 156].

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Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Letter dated 30 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee

As I am sure you are fully aware, Egypt proposed the convening of a special session of the General Assembly to examine and adopt a United Nations action plan for cooperation against terrorism, as indicated in a letter dated 1 September 2005 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt addressed to the Secretary-General (A/60/329).

We welcome the support given to this idea in the 2005 World Summit Outcome document (A/60/L.1), and believe that the Sixth Committee, during this session, should engage in discussions on the issues related to the convening of the meeting with the aim of elaborating the political declaration that builds on the momentum achieved at the Summit, reflecting international solidarity, enhancing cooperation and solidifying United Nations activities against international terrorism.

To help in achieving such an objective, and in order to facilitate the convening of the special session, please find attached a working paper submitted by Egypt (see annex) containing a preliminary outline of issues that could be considered within the preparation process for the special session.

Since the Sixth Committee will initiate its work next week to focus on reaching an agreement on the comprehensive convention as the legal framework for our efforts to combat terrorism, Egypt believes that the discussion of various elements of a political outcome of the proposed special session is equally important, and we thus propose the consideration of the attached working paper by the Committee within its annual consideration of the sub-item on convening a high-level meeting on terrorism. Naturally, while agreeing that the conclusion of the comprehensive agreement remains at the top of our priorities, a balanced distribution of time between the two items should be observed.

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The delegation of Egypt would highly appreciate the circulation of the present letter and its annex as a document of the Sixth Committee, under agenda item 108.

(*Signed*) Maged **Abdelaziz**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 30 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee

Convening a high-level special session of the General Assembly on cooperation against terrorism

Proposed topics for discussion in preparation for the outcome of the high-level meeting

- A political declaration by Member States condemning terrorism and expressing commitment to combat it.
- A review of successful experiences in the field of combating terrorism, both at the national and regional levels, with a view to outlining an international comprehensive perspective against terrorism, building on the agreement reached in the sixtieth session high-level document (the African Union, the Arab League, the European Union, the Organization of American States and the Group of Eight and others could be invited to share their experiences and achievements in this regard).
- An analysis of the various dimensions of the phenomenon of terrorism and a consideration of ways and means to address conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, including political, economic, and social dimensions, with a view to reaching a common understanding on the best manner to confront and suppress terrorism. These conditions include unsettled bilateral regional and international disputes and the role that the United Nations could play in addressing them, along with effective measures to combat terrorism, within a global recognition that terrorism is not linked to any religion, culture or race. This should be in conjunction with other initiatives for dialogue between cultures, civilizations and faith.
- Consideration of new and effective United Nations measures to enhance national capabilities to combat terrorism through supporting national efforts and strengthening international cooperation between States, particularly on criminal matters.
- The elaboration of institutional frameworks within the organization to coordinate such efforts and activities.

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Letter dated 5 October 2005 from the Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference addressed to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee

In my capacity as Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Group, I have the honour to convey the views of the members of the Group on the report of the coordinator on the results of the informal consultations regarding the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism, held from 25 to 29 July 2005.

The OIC Group is concerned at the above-mentioned report, which was expected to be only a factual summary of the proceedings of the informal consultations. However, an attempt was made to produce a "consolidated text", in which not only was the proposal by the OIC Group on article 18 omitted, but the articles of the draft convention were renumbered, besides certain technical changes being made.

The Group believes that such a text raises serious issues of mandate and prejudices the negotiation process and the efforts for the early conclusion of the draft convention. The Group also believes that, in order to facilitate the negotiations and the work of the Committee, negotiations on the draft convention should be based on the reports of the Working Group and of the Ad Hoc Committee, particularly the report of the Ad Hoc Committee contained in document A/57/37 and Corr.1.

In view of the importance attached by the leaders of the world to this issue in the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the OIC Group believes that the forthcoming meetings and negotiations of the Working Group should be conducted in a formal setting by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee. We expect that the next report of the Working Group will consolidate all the proposals on the table, including those submitted by the OIC Group.

It would be appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly under agenda item 108.

(*Signed*) Abdullah **Alsaidi**
Ambassador
Chairman of OIC Group

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